

SEPTEMBER 24-26

UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852

***THE IRISH IN MASSACHUSETTS:
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, LASTING LEGACY***

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor

6 – 8 p.m. Networking Reception and Keynote Address

Location: Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor

Chair: Dr. Brian Mitchell

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Meagher

Title: The Irish-Americans

Thursday, September 25, 2014

8 – 8:30 a.m. Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Ireland and the Atlantic World 1550 - 1650

Speaker: Professor Audrey Horning, Queen's University Belfast

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Ireland in the Early Modern Age

Speaker: Dr. William Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Mr. Gookin out of Ireland, wholly upon his owne adventure: Intercolonial and Transatlantic Connections in the Seventeenth Century.

Speaker: Luke Pecoraro, Boston University
 Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. The Irish in Maine, 1760-1820

Speaker: Dr. Ed McCarron, Stonehill College
 Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Long Threatening comes at Last: Ireland's Great Famine in Irish-American History

Speaker: Dr. Mary Kelly, Franklin Pierce University
 Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. The Union, Slavery, and Irish Americans in Civil War

Speaker: Dr. Ian Delahanty, Boston College
 Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

Coffee/Tea Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Irish-American Literature

Chair: Todd Avery
 Panelists: Aine Greaney, Ronan Noone & Michael Patrick MacDonald
 Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Book signing

Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

5:15 – 8 p.m. An Evening of Music and Song

Featuring: Brian O'Donovan of WGBH's A Celtic Sojourn, who will discuss "The role of music and song in Irish Culture" and Traditional Brew, a 5 piece Band
 Location: *Old Court, Middle Street, Lowell*

Friday, September 26, 2014

8 – 9 a.m.

Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9 – 11 a.m.

The Irish in Lowell

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Chair: Dr Frank Talty

Speaker 1: Prof Brian Mitchell

Title: “The Irish in Lowell: The Historical Context”

Speaker 2: Dr Colm Donnelly

Title: “Transatlantic Excavations: From Crossan to the Acre”

Speaker 3: Dave McKean, Eileen Murphy & Lynne McKerr

Title: “St Patrick’s Cemetery: Remembering the Dead”

Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Irish-American Politics in Massachusetts

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Moderator: Chancellor Marty Meehan

Panelists: The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, The Honorable David Bartley, Ambassador Ray Flynn

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Building an Irish-American Community

Chair: Victoria Denoon

Panelists: Imelda Murphy, Art McCabe and Jim O’Brien

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

The Irish in Sport

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Speaker 1: David Fleitz

Title: "The Irish in Baseball"

Speaker 2: Ruairi O'Mahoney, with appearance by Colonel Warren Perry

Title: "The GAA in Massachusetts"

Coffee/Tea Break

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

The Evolution of the Irish-American Politician in Massachusetts

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Conference Closing and reception

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Post-Conference Morning Tour

St Patrick's Cemetery, led by Dave McKean